Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Eisenhower Elementary Stepping Stones **Enrollment:** 39 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20807

Street: 2827 Jersey Ridge Rd **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52803 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 1002 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA, 52806

Director's Name: Shaney Ford **Phone Number:** 563-528-6062

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jackson Hessel **E-Mail:** dcsdsteppingstones@gmail.com ShaneyFord08@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-25-2024, 03-06-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-08-2024

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 02-17-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				70	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-30-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 1/25/24. Staff files were reviewed at a separate visit on 3/6/24. This program is owned and operated by the Davenport Community School District and is located in the Eisenhower Elementary School building. Shaney Ford is the director for all of the Stepping Stones child care programs. Shaney was not present at this center on the day of the visit. The director's assistant, Crystal Simmons, was present as the on site supervisor along with other staff. This center serves school age children from this school only. The program operates on school days only.

The gymnasium/cafeteria is the primary space for this center and is supposed to be always available to the program. The center also uses the library as approved space though not included as licensed space. The center is reminded to ensure these areas meet licensing requirements prior to each use.

The center uses tables set up in the gym/cafeteria for activities. The center uses separated boys and girls restroom areas adjacent to and/or just outside of the gym/cafeteria (one toilet and one sink each). Additional hallway restrooms with multiple toilets and sinks are also available.

The center provides snack. Snack is prepared and supplied by the school cafeteria and left out or placed in the milk cooler where accessible for the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center provides a needed service to the children and families from this school. The center typically provides several various enrichment programs including, Junior Theater, Putnam Museum, QC Botanical Center, Wapsi Nature Center, PBS, and various teacher provided enrichment, throughout the week at each site, and these programs are provided at no extra charge to the families. Files and other licensing documentation were found to be highly organized.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

STAFF FILES:
109.7(1) All staff (within first three months of employment): • Two hours of approved training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse within three months of employment. • At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. • Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate

indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _2_ staff files reviewed did not have the required certifications completed within the first three months of employment as required.

109.6(6) Record checks. c. Iowa records checks. Checks and evaluations of Iowa child abuse and criminal records, including the sex offender registry, shall be completed before the person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence that the Iowa record check was completed prior to the staff's involvement with child care.

109.11(3)d Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
1. Playground inspection records could not be located for 2/2023 through 5/2023.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure the soap and rinse steps for food service table preparation are completed separately and wiped with a separate cloth. If children are helping with this activity, they need to be supervised. This was noted previously and again reviewed with the staff.
2. Staff need to improve supervision during transitions between rooms at the center. Children should always be in direct staff eyesight, ratio shall be maintained, and staff shall demonstrate that they are accountable for the children they are responsible for at all times. Consultation provided to the staff to improve transition to snack time and reduce chaos observed.
3. Restroom areas and hand washing activity supervision needs improvement.
4. Hand washing procedure postings are needed in the hallway restroom areas (single and multiple) used by the program.
5. Ensure at least one staff person washes hands and keeps hands clean and free from other touches immediately prior to and during snack to serve an assist children as needed.
6. First aid kit missing scissors. First aid kit needs cleaning and organizing.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.